

C Phillips, Sidney, Papers (1896 -1979), 1916-1941  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The papers contain photographs of the 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Machine Gun Company of the National Guard during their service along the Mexican border in Laredo, Texas, in 1916. Sidney B. Phillips served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry from 1916-1918. The papers also include army manuals issued to soldiers in 1913 and 1941.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Sidney B. Philips in April 1973 (Accession No. 6017).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sidney B. Phillips was born in August of 1896, in Silver Lake, Kansas, to John Phillips (1859-1945) and Luella Stone Phillips (1866-1925). Phillips went to work for the Fidelity Trust Co., a commercial bank in Kansas City, Missouri. In June 1916, Phillips joined the Missouri National Guard in Kansas City. After his service, he returned to Kansas City where he worked as a bank clerk in 1920. Phillips married Anna Florence Durgin (1904-) in Butler, Missouri, on June 29, 1923. By 1930, they had relocated to Seattle, Washington, where Phillips worked as a bank teller. He died in Washington in 1979.

Phillips was inducted into the Machine Gun Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry of the National Guard on June 19, 1916. He served as a private in the Mexican Border Service June 27, 1916 - February 28, 1917. He was stationed at Dolores near Laredo, Texas. The 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, in February 1917, where they were mustered out. Phillips returned to Kansas City for a total of twenty days before the 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry was called up for WWI. Serving with Phillips while stationed in Laredo was Ralph E. Truman (1880-1962), cousin to the future President Harry S. Truman.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The photographs within the collection were kept in the original groupings as designated by the donor. Many of the photographs have negatives that have been separated from the prints and stored separately. The soldier's handbooks and supporting documents add context to the images included in the collection.

#### FOLDER LIST

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f. 3	4 <sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry mules
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f. 10	“The Trials of a Recruit” by Sgt. Texas Cassidy, 1920
f. 11	Basic Field Manual, Soldiers Handbook, 1941
f. 12	Soldier’s Hand Book, 1913
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f. 14	Sidney B. Phillip’s account of service on the Mexican border

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Akers, Sgt. John D.	2, 5, 9	Yes
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Becker, Sgt. Christopher M.	7-8, 10	Yes
Benét – Mercié machine gun	9	Yes
Bogard, Pvt. Eugene D.	2-3	Yes
Bonner, Corp. William L	7	Yes
Bowman, Corp. William L.	2	Yes
Burnette, Pvt. Harry A.	2	Yes
Burroughs, Pvt. Lish	2, 8	Yes
Callaghan, Pvt. Ruches V.	2, 6, 8-9	Yes
Carroll, Pvt. Philip M. (? – 1918)	2, 8	Yes
Cooper, Sgt. John E.	2	Yes
Eubanks, Corp. Hale B.	1	Yes
Evans, Pvt. John M.	2	Yes
Flynn, Mess Sgt. Ernest J.	5, 9	Yes
Fraze, Sgt. Orion J.	2	Yes
Fredman, Pvt. Royal J.	2, 3, 8	Yes
Frye, Pvt. James R.	2, 5, 9	Yes
Gill, Harold J.	2	Yes
Gippner, Pvt. Charles W.	2	Yes
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Henry, E. H.	2, 5	Yes
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Jackson, Pvt. Harvey	2, 7, 9	Yes
Keene, Sgt. Leon	2	Yes
Keifer, Pvt. Clarence	2	Yes
Laredo (Tex.)	1-7, 9-10	Yes
Lehman, Pvt. Elmer J.	2	Yes
Matkin, Pvt. John T.	2	Yes
McGuire, Sgt.	2	Yes
Meagher, Pvt. Vincent M.	2-3, 7	Yes
Meeks, Pvt. Edmund J.	2	Yes
Miller, Sgt. Jesse T.	2	Yes
Missouri. Infantry, 3rd Regiment, Machine Gun Co., 1916	9	Yes
Missouri. Infantry, 4th Regiment, Machine Gun Co., 1916	1-10	Yes
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Moses, Pvt. Frank E.	2	Yes
Mules--War use, 1916	3-5	Yes
Nevada (Mo.)	8	Yes
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Nicholson, Pvt.	2	Yes
Osgood, Capt. Warren L.	9	Yes
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Phillips, Sidney B. (1896-1979)	1-10	Yes
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Snyder, 1st Sgt. J. R.	2	Yes
Rankin, Pvt.	8	Yes
Riley, Pvt. Lawrence	2	Yes
Ritter, Ernest J.	2, 9	Yes
Talbot, Pvt. Arthur W.	2, 5, 9	Yes
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